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Councilmember

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2008
TO: The Honorable Alan Autry,
Mayor, City of Fresno
FROM: Cynthia A. Sterling,
Member of the Fresno City Council,
District Three
RE: 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget Thoughts & Priorities

I appreciate this opportunity to present to you once again my budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 which focuses on the needs of my district and the City of Fresno.

I look forward to working with you and my fellow council members to develop a budget that is best for our entire community in these uncertain economic times. Many of these requests are not general fund dollars and can only be used for these types of projects.

Should you or your staff have any questions please feel free to see me.

HOLDING THE LINE

I feel that we must protect Public Service (Police and Fire), including the Mayors Gang Prevention Initiative, and fully fund the Mayors Job Initiative as vehicles of hope for those who want a better life.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Infrastructure improvements, landscaping, and right away land acquisitions for the build out of McKinley Avenue from Highway 99 west to Marks. Including adding sidewalks, curbs, gutters, street lights, and medians islands and landscaping to provide a safe route to school for the children of Jane Addams Elementary. (Previously requested however not funded)

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE (con't)

2. Complete all No Neighborhood Left Behind (NNLB) projects.
3. Traffic Signals (Church and Martin L. King) and (Hughes and McKinley) fully funded to protect the children of my district who must use those intersections.
4. Increase the neighborhood / district capital projects. Such as additional geo-based tree trimming in older neighborhoods, street repairs, sidewalk repairs and grinding, tree damage repair.
5. Illegal Dumping is one of the biggest problems in my district. The majority of calls my office receives involves junk piles or someone else dumping tires in an alley. I would respectfully ask that you increase funding / seek grants to to assist the Community Sanitation Division so that they are able to respond to more calls for cleanup.
6. Infrastructure improvements, including street repairs and repaving, of the Industrial areas south of downtown and Freeway 41 and east of Highway 99 to East Avenue, South to Church as well as the South Fresno Industrial area along Highway 99 down to Central